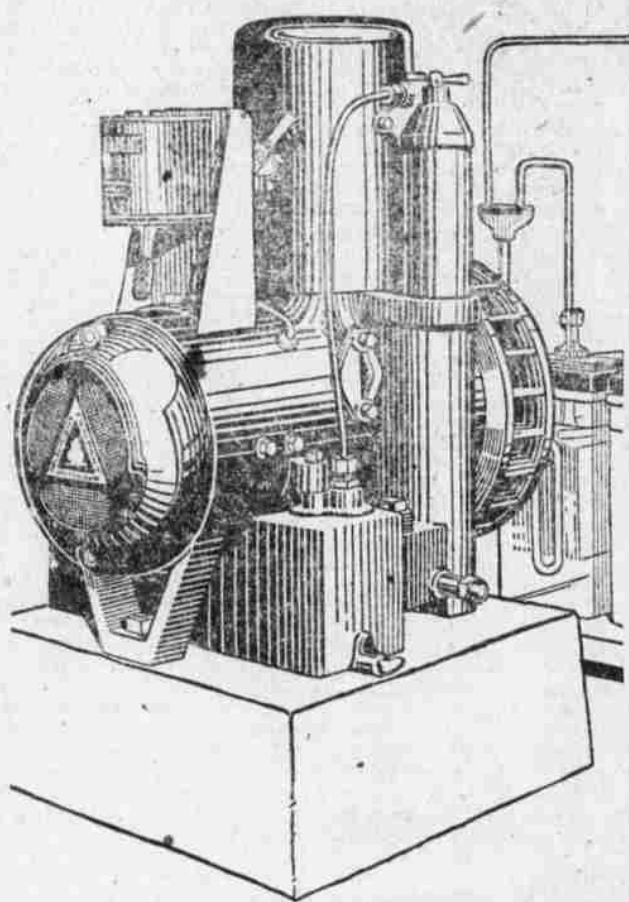


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ed his policy, his wife beneficiary. On the same day, August 11, Meyer executed a will and bequeathed all his property to his wife, his wealth amounting to something like \$15,000. He died in a hospital in Twin Falls, September 7, 1920, the doctors certificate showing typhoid fever the cause. A post mortem was held the day he died and the day following an autopsy, part of the viscera sent to chemists and analyzed. The chemists reported presence of arsenic, after the body had been buried. The body, also the bodies of McHaffie and little Lorene, were exhumed and portions of the viscera sent to chemists who found in each traces of arsenic, according to report. Upon the disappearance of Lydia Meyer which was almost instantaneous after the death of Meyer, and the reports by chemists, the premises were searched and in the Meyer home was found an extraordinary quantity of brown fly paper and a number of wads of the pulp of the paper, showing it had been wet and the substance squeezed out, the paper and pulp being found in furniture and other obscure places about the house. The fly paper contains arsenic.

Strange to say, the estate of the deceased Meyer nor the amount due on the \$10,000 policy on his life were ever demanded by his widow nor was she seen in the neighborhood of Twin Falls again to date. On November 20, a little more than two months after the

death of Meyer, Lydia again married, this time a petty officer, Paul Vincent Southard in the marines at Los Angeles, Calif. and shortly after the wedding the couple took up their residence in Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.

About three weeks ago deputy sheriff V. H. Ormsby, appointed by Idaho authorities to unearth the evidence against Lydia Meyer-Southard came from Twin Falls and with coroner Dr. Morey went to the cemetery and exhumed the bodies of Robert and Edward Dooley and took therefrom the viscera which was sent to the state chemists of Idaho. The bodies had dried up until they were practically dust but the viscera were not decayed to a great extent. No report on the case from the chemists has so far, reached relatives of the deceased here.

May 11 Lydia Dooley-McHaffie-Lewis-Meyer-Southard was placed under arrest at Honolulu on a warrant charging her with the murder of her husband Edward F. Meyer and extradition papers were sent for her return to Idaho for trial, deputy sheriff Ormsby and a matron going for the accused the first of this week and her return to Twin Falls is expected about the latter part of this month.

There is no story in fiction, "Bluebeard" not excepted, which contains more horrible depravity, heartlessness, disregard not only for human suffering but for human life, than the circumstances recounted pertaining to any woman, than that which now attaches to Lydia Trueblood, if true. A complete abandonment of humane instincts for money and moral, connubial and social obligations metamorphosed into greed than which there is no history of greater profligacy. Tho she were the most repulsive object breathing pure air but exhaling withering gas, who cannot find it in his heart to wish that some evidence may be disclosed to temper the bitter feeling against her; but the pretty, gentle girl, good lineage, possessing attractions which lured so many, who might have become a worthy member of society and reared children to bless her and been awarded just claims to the love and affection of all her relatives and friends, is surrounded by the most damning chain of circumstances that ever encircled man or woman. And if guilty as charged, ten thousand deaths on the scaffold or in the chair would be as nothing to the withering throts of her destruction of little Lorene Marie nor could all the accusers earth can produce sear the heart of the mother as must the memory of the last glances of her dying daughter. Truth is mighty and will prevail.

That suspicion existed in the minds of the relatives of Bud and Ed Dooley that foul play had been practiced on them, there is not the slightest doubt for when the news of the death of her husband Robert and the arrival of the body in charge of Lydia, the attitude of each of his relatives underwent a change and that the woman was charged with, or it was strongly hinted to her by members of her dead husband's family that she had been instrumental in the deaths, her protestations to the contrary notwithstanding. There is little doubt but that the return trip to Twin Falls when W. F. Dooley went along with the woman and her child was the result of the almost conviction that Lydia had dealt foully. When deputy sheriff Ormsby of Twin Falls came

to have the bodies of Bud and Ed exhumed, Mrs. W. T. Harriman, the oldest sister of the deceased was on hand with the father and other relatives to lend all assistance possible to the coroner and sheriff.

Salt Lake City, Utah, May 12.—Lydia Meyer, charged with the murder of her fourth husband, Edward F. Meyer, at Twin Falls, Idaho, September 7, 1920, was arrested at Honolulu today, according to a dispatch received by the Salt Lake Telegram.

V. R. Ormsby, Deputy Sheriff of Twin Falls, at present in Los Angeles, said that he was awaiting extradition papers being prepared at Twin Falls to bring her back to Idaho for trial. The Deputy Sheriff also informed the paper that Mrs. Meyer married Vincent Southard of the United States steamship Chicago November 20 last.

She was Lydia Trueblood, born in Keytesville, Mo., 27 years ago. She grew into a beautiful girl and became acquainted with the Dooley family of Keytesville. She removed to Twin Falls and Robert Dooley followed her there and married her.

Prosecuting Attorney Frank L. Stephan of Twin Falls County, Idaho, said Mrs. Southard's matrimonial record was being investigated for the purpose of determining the causes and fixing the responsibility for the deaths of three other former husbands, an infant child by Robert Dooley, her first husband, and Dooley's brother, Edward.

Insurance in which Mrs. Southard was the beneficiary was carried on the lives of all five men, Stephan said. Of this she is said to have collected about \$9500. Mrs. Southard, who is 28 years old, worked for a time as a waitress at Twin Falls after Meyer's death. She departed for California last winter. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Trueblood of Kimberley, Twin Falls County.

Prosecutor Stephan said he had in his possession evidence which would establish that poison caused the deaths of Robert C. Dooley, William G. McHaffie, Harlan C. Lewis and Edward F. Meyer, respectively, her first, second, third and fourth husbands, and Edward Dooley, brother of her first husband. Stephan said the bodies of these men had been exhumed and the contents of their stomachs analyzed by Herman Harms and Edwin F. Rodenbaugh, state chemists, respectively, of Idaho and Utah, and that a deadly poison had been found. The poison in each case was said to have been the same.

deaths, as given out by the authorities, follows:

Married Robert C. Dooley, an Idaho farmer, at Twin Falls, March 18, 1912; he died in Twin Falls Hospital, typhoid being assigned as the cause.

Married William G. McHaffie, Twin Falls waiter, at Twin Falls, in June, 1914; he died at Harding, Mont., October 22, 1918, death reported to have been from influenza and diphtheria.

Married Harlan C. Lewis, automobile mechanic, of Billings, Mont., at Denver, Colo., March 10, 1919; he died at Billings July 6, 1919. Cause of death reported as gastro-enteritis.

Married Edward F. Meyer, foreman Blue Lakes ranch, Twin Falls County, Idaho, at Pocatello, Idaho, on August 10, 1920; he died at Twin Falls Hospital, September 7, 1920. Autopsy revealed traces of poison.

In two more cases, the Prosecuting Attorney said, Mrs. Southard failed to collect insurance on her husbands' lives. The policy on McHaffie's life, he said, was allowed to lapse through nonpayment of a premium. Meyer, the fourth husband, carried \$10,000 of insurance, which was increased from \$2000 shortly before his death, but no attempt was made by his wife to collect it.

Not long after the first marriage, Prosecuting Attorney Stephan said, the Dooley brothers jointly assumed an insurance policy on their lives for \$2000, naming Mrs. Dooley as the beneficiary. This was in addition to the \$2500 policy carried by the husband, Robert C. Dooley, in favor of his wife.

Edward Dooley died August 9, 1915, after an illness of ten days, and the insurance was paid to the surviving Dooley and his wife. On October 1, 1915, Robert C. Dooley died, and the insurance on his life was collected by Mrs. Dooley.

The Dooley baby lived to be 3 or 4 years old, and its death was reported to have resulted from typhoid fever.

An examination of the ranch house occupied by Meyer and his wife in Twin Falls County is said to have revealed a quantity of poison, such as is used for the extermination of insect pests. The authorities also reported the presence of the same character of poison concealed in the house occupied by Harlan C. Lewis and his wife at Billings, Mont.

The arrest of Honolulu today of Mrs. Lydia Meyer Southard, charged with murdering her fourth husband, Edward F. Meyer, at Twin Falls, Idaho, was the outgrowth of the theft of a diamond, with suspicion pointing at the woman, it was stated here today by V. H. Ormsby, a Deputy Sheriff of Twin Falls.

The Deputy Sheriff said information that Mrs. Southard had come to Los Angeles from Twin Falls was supplied by Mrs. Mary James of the Idaho city who was said to have obtained employment here for the suspected woman and to have lived with her for a time in Los Angeles.

Shortly after he arrived here, Ormsby said, he learned the woman, then known to him as Mrs. Meyer, had married Paul Vincent Southard, Chief Petty Officer on the U. S. S. Monterey, now in Hawaiian waters, and had gone to Honolulu with him. Ormsby said he had cabled to Southard asking if he "ever knew a woman named Lydia Meyer," and had received in answer a denial that Southard had known a woman of that name, but had known "an Ida Meyer, a school teacher in the East."

The Idaho officer said his wife, also a Deputy Sheriff, would accompany him to Honolulu to get Mrs. Southard.

Mrs. Paul Vincent Southard, also known as Mrs. Lydia Meyer, was held by the police here today on orders from Los Angeles in connection with the deaths of four of her husbands, a brother-in-law and a child of one of the men she married.

Paul Southard, whom she married in Los Angeles last November, told the police here she tried to get him to take out \$10,000 worth of life insurance. Southard is a petty officer on the United States Steamship Monterey, stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Insurance of which she was the beneficiary was carried on the lives of all

the five men, whose deaths are being investigated.

Mrs. Southard, according to the police, has agreed to return without extradition. Papers for extradition are being prepared.

The Sheriff's office here tonight cabled to Honolulu authorities to guard Mrs. Lydia Southard, under arrest there for alleged responsibility of the death of four husbands, a brother-in-law and a baby, against any possible attempt to take her own life. Sheriff E. R. Sherman left here tonight for Boise, where tomorrow he will seek extradition papers from Gov. Davis for Mrs. Southard's return to Twin Falls.

The Chariton County Sunday School Convention will be held in Dalton Saturday and Sunday May 21 and 22 not the 20-21 as previously announced as it conflicts with commencement exercises that will be held at that time over various parts of the county. Every Sunday School is entitled to five delegates or more if desired. Every Sunday school teacher of the county should be present at the work of the different departments including the cradle roll, young peoples, and adult will be discussed and many useful ideas will be presented by the various speakers. Edna Beard Supt. Children's Dept. of St. Louis and Sterling L. Williams Supt. of Young Peoples Dept. of Kansas City will speak during the convention. The Sunday School of this District are supposed to raise \$85. Any school paying \$10 will be entitled to one gold star on the county map at the convention over \$10 and under \$15 two gold stars over \$15 three gold stars. This money is used to carry on state and county work.

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